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Nevada appears to be a candidate for government by commission.

Twelve thousand dollars for automobiles for the President in the District of Columbia eleven million dollar appropriation bill would indicate that Washington must have heard of Mayor Fern's hankering after a \$5000 automobile.

The Advertiser is strenuous and even excited in criticisms of the new city and county administration because the Advertiser is able to figure IN ADVANCE that the municipality may outrun its funds judging by the expenditures of a first month of starting the new system. But we do not observe that the paper has anything to say concerning the fact that the Territorial administration, running smoothly along under a system now nearly ten years old, is going to present to the legislature a deficit of \$69,823.63.

THE JAPANESE LAWS.

The Star has received a communication protesting against its suggestion of yesterday that the local legislature adopt a resolution expressing approval of the President's attitude regarding the Pacific Coast Japanese agitation, and expressing disapproval of the "offensive acts and words" of some of the Pacific coast legislators. The objection, being based upon an opinion that the coast legislatures are justified in the general policy of preventing aliens from acquiring lands, is evidently due to a misunderstanding of the proposition. We do not consider an act of the legislature of California or Nevada, to prohibit aliens from acquiring land as "offensive." As a matter of fact a law like this,—a federal law,—applies today in the Territory of Hawaii as in other territories. But the "offensive" acts and words are those of an evidently irresponsible element in the Nevada and California legislatures. These the President is rightly trying to disclaim for the American people. As far as the right of these states to regulate who shall attend their public schools is concerned, or their right to prevent aliens from acquiring land just as Japan prevents aliens from acquiring her soil and just as the United States already prevents aliens from acquiring real estate in territories,—as far as all these matters are concerned,—Americans are probably almost unanimous in support of the position which California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and possibly other states wish to take. But there are proper ways to carry out such policies, and in California and Nevada the methods have been those of the sandlot and hoodlum.

Those anti-Japanese bills do not seem to get beyond the Assemblies. Even in Nevada the Senate is expected to smother them.

We don't exactly know just what the Advertiser means by use of the phrase "Star's supervisor." Of course it is a reference to the fact that a gentleman connected with this paper happens to be a member of the Board of Supervisors. His well known modesty may cause his disapproval of our remark that he seems likely not to suffer as a public officer in comparison with the Advertiser's mayor, even though the latter continues to be assisted by the Advertiser's secretary to the mayor.

MORE MISAPPLIED FIGURES.

Our esteemed morning paper continues to try to bolster up a bad case in connection with its reckless assertion that the city and county system was to cost \$1000 a month more than the county system. For example:

"When new typewriters and telephones, extra janitor's service, stationery, lights, rental of private offices for Judge Andrade, A. M. Brown, the Mayor and his secretary, and the new reception room connected with the Mayor's suite are counted in, we have a bill of costs toward which \$150 per month will not go far."

Were there no new typewriters, telephones, janitor's service, stationery, rent, etc., under the old system? "Rental of private office for Judge Andrade." Has this anything whatever to do with the change from county to municipal government? Has the office for A. M. Brown, who was a county officer, anything to do with it? "New reception room connected with the Mayor's suite." That is included in the \$75.00 per month extra rent before counted in, so the Advertiser is again simply doubling up on items to make out its case. "County Attorney piling up expenses." What has that to do with whether he is a county attorney or a city and county attorney? "The municipal law is the excuse and the only excuse" for raising several salaries of old officers \$25 or \$50 a month. What has the municipal law to do with it? Absolutely nothing. The last sheriff, for example,—the Advertiser's sheriff, in whom we understand it no longer takes pride,—got only \$2,100 a year, and the painful result of having a man at the head of the department on this small salary was shown in the matter of the Isoi note. City or no city, is \$200 a month too much for the man who is to head the police of this whole island? If it is, what is there in the municipal system to prevent a reduction? Absolutely nothing! The amounts of these salaries have no more to do with whether the system is a county system or a city and county system than Bulgaria has to do with Guam.

It is stated this morning by the Advertiser that The Star is attempting to "establish the postulate that two governments may be had as cheaply as one." This can only mean that the Advertiser regards the city and county government as two governments and the old county government as one. This, to anyone who has read enough of the municipal act to know that it creates a corporation known as "the city and county of Honolulu" (not two corporations) is simply absurd.

ROAD MACHINERY.

It is learned that a proposal will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the purchase of a road machine such as is used on the mainland for constructing the new type of oiled roads. These roads are said to be dustless and comparable to asphalt in durability. They are especially desirable in localities that lack suitable or any stone for macadamizing. Hence they ought to be just the thing for long stretches of road in the country districts of this island—the Waimanalo road and portions of the belt road for instance. The machine in question

will cost less than the renewal of the stone crushing plant for Ewa district to obtain which preliminary steps were taken at last meeting of the Board, and it is said that by its means the proposed road from Wahiawa railway station to Leilehua would cost not more than half the \$7000 a mile which a macadamized highway would cost.

To procure modern road machinery for this municipality would secure very substantial economy. In the resurfacing of streets for instance a road plow and mechanical scrapers should do the work of fifty men, and in one-fifth of the time, to prepare the roadway for the finishing layers of macadam or paving. Such a saving would in the long run mean, not a deprivation of work for the laborers but the building of more and better roads for the municipality.

SELF-GOVERNMENT EVEN IN INDIA.

Like the Americans in the Philippines, the British in India are now trying to localize self-government. Submitting to the irresistible modern movement for popular administration of governmental affairs, the British government has begun the policy which is in theory designed to end in giving the natives of India a constitutional government of their own. Lord Morley, the new Secretary of State for India, has introduced provisions which are the beginning of the application of the "elective principle" to the local governments, and already, as a speech by an Indian National Councilman as quoted in the London Times, there is forecasted a "time when India would be admitted to the great federation of Free states acknowledging Great Britain as their august mother."

Is this all "politics"? As McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft in succession hopefully pointed the way to the Filipino's participation in administration of his own affairs, the Advertiser told us that the three Presidents were mere politicians, seeking for votes at home. For quoting the hopeful expressions of such statesmen as to the ultimate result of the plan, The Star was accused by the Advertiser yesterday of falling back on "President Roosevelt's iridescent dreams," and on the day previous we were told that the real reason for starting self-government in the Philippines was to create political effect at home.

The fact is that the Filipino has begun self-government and nothing but war or rebellion will ever make Americans take from him any of the powers given him as a voter. Of course there will be failures,—perhaps some worse than those of San Francisco under Labor Union Party government,—but the trend is going to be all the time towards more localization of government. That is the American system.

FAREWELL DINNER TO A SCRIBE

Quite the neatest affair for a long while recorded in the way of a farewell banquet was celebrated last night at the beach residence of P. Maurice McMahon, in honor of Henry Walsworth Kinney who next Tuesday leaves this city for Hilo to take the editorship of The Hilo Tribune. For several years Mr. Kinney has been on the staff of The Bulletin, of this city and has for two years or more occupied the city-editor's desk of that paper. While the merrymaking was such as will remain long in the memories of those who were present, there was also just a touch of sadness about the affair, for Honolulu scribes could not but feel, in a sense, that sending a brother to Hilo had something of a suggestion of attending his funeral. Nevertheless this aspect of the otherwise glad some situation was largely removed by the happy remark of Mr. Kinney Simpson: "Who Hit Me?" Will Jack Densham who has never been to Hilo and was therefore optimistic in the premises when he said: "Hilo is not dead, but she sleepeth." P. Maurice McMahon was at his best and had prepared his ideal Waikiki retreat in a most becoming manner for the ceremony of wishing Kinney good luck in his new venture and hoping he would occasionally visit Honolulu just to keep in touch with civilization. A large table was loaded with all the delicacies of the refrigerator, spread on a tablecloth appropriately made of

NAMING THE PRINCESSES HERE

KAUAI AND HAWAII BOTH FAIL TO GET BUSY IN TIME FOR THE FLORAL PARADE.

Kauai has fallen down on its island Princess. Hawaii has been too slow in making up its mind. As a result both of these places will be filled as advantageously as possible by the Floral Parade Committee.

Chairman W. H. Melnery received news from Kauai by this morning mail in a letter from Francis Gay, who it had been understood had arranged for a representative from the Garden Island, to the effect that owing to the danger of injury to a horse in shipping it by boat during the present rough weather, he did not feel justified in attempting to ship an animal from Kauai as a mount for the Kauai princess. Presumably some danger also holds true to the princess herself, for it is understood by the committee that Kauai does not intend to take any further steps in the matter.

A letter from Hawaii states that the matter of appointing a princess to represent the island will be referred to the Hilo Board of Trade (sometimes) but when action could be expected, or whether any action at all would be taken is problematical.

Since receiving the Hilo letter, Mr. Melnery has named Miss Emma Rose, to hold up Hawaii's end in the parade, but as yet he has not decided upon a representative from Kauai.

At a meeting of the general committee yesterday afternoon, it was decided to ask that everyone who intends to take part in the coming Floral Parade, in any manner, let the fact be known just as soon as possible to one of the committees, or Director Petrie. This is so the committees may have some

SAILOR FALLS OVERBOARD

The little steamer Nihau, which arrived this morning from Kihel, Maui, lost a man overboard off Diamond Head early this morning, but picked him up after hurriedly launching boats and scurrying around in the nearer sea.

The sailor, a Japanese named Nishimura, had been sent forward to look after the cattle, with which the decks were crowded. While partially on the railing and endeavoring to force some of the cattle away, he was pushed overboard. Luckily other sailors saw him drop into the water and gave the alarm. When the boats reached the little fellow he was swimming bravely but was exceedingly tired when dragged aboard.

The accident happened about 3 o'clock this morning when the Nihau was about three miles from Diamond Head light.

Idea as to what will have to be provided, how large a procession will have to be handled, and in order that place cards and numbers may be arranged for and supplied.

The committee yesterday decided to change the location of the final reviewing grounds from the Oahu Campus to Kapiolani Park, deeming that the College grounds will not be large enough to take care of the big procession, these grounds having been taxed last year with a much smaller crowd than is expected this time.

The sum of \$300 was appropriated for the prizes and souvenirs to be given and a very handsome design for a silver souvenir badge for the Hawaiian Princesses, submitted by Tom Sharp, the chairman of the committee on prizes, was also approved.

CHILLINGWORTH AND THE BONDSMEN

"I see that my name is mentioned in an attorney for Chinese gamblers who are suspected of putting up a 'straw bond,'" said S. F. Chillingworth yesterday. "Some of my friends have read the article giving the news of this case as intimating that I had to do with such a bond. I therefore want to say that I was not connected with the case until it reached the Circuit Court and know nothing at all about the bond. My sole connection with the case was that of appearing for the defendants and withdrawing their appeal according to their wishes, and I know nothing more about either the case or the bond."

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SUNDAY LICENSES.

License Inspector Fennell denies the published report that he is recommending that the legislature amend the liquor law so as to close up the places which have Sunday privileges in the city. "I am quoted as having urged that such places be deprived of their privileges," said Fennell, "and I would like to have it understood that I am not urging any such proposition. I do not consider that it is my province to recommend legislation of this sort."

George C. Sellner, formerly a newspaperman of Honolulu, is a prominent member of the official party from Manila aboard the transport Buford.

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